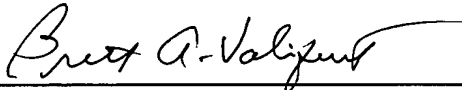


REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 20-26. The Examiner also indicated that claims 29-31 would be allowed if written in independent form. This has been done. Thus all claims in the case are now allowed.

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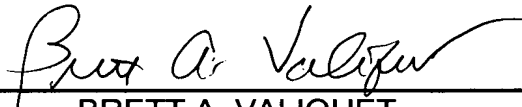
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